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#### **Computerized Business Technology – Dress for Success**

On Thursday, February 17, the Computerized Business Technology students made their annual trek to resale shops to coordinate an interview outfit. The students' mission was to "Dress for Success" on a budget.

Prior to the field trip, appropriate office attire was discussed including:

- First and foremost, no matter what you wear, your clothes should be neat and clean.
- Keep your shoes in good condition.
- Your hair should be neatly styled.
- Dress for the job you want.

With that in mind the students accomplished their goals. Chris Ullom commented "On our way, I reviewed my mission to find a complete suit, appropriate for an interview or office work setting. The best look is simple and neat. You want a black or navy blue jacket with matching pants, a neutral button down shirt, a nice tie and coordinating socks and shoes. For women, the look is similar but a skirt could be substituted for pants and hosiery for socks."

After making his outfit selections, Chris admitted, "Though I had to dig a bit, there was quite a selection of pants. I picked up a nice pair in black and headed over to jackets so I could match the pants. Then I snagged a grey shirt and checked out the ties; a great way to add some color and fun to your look. I passed on the many Disney ties and opted for a casual purple. The best part was how inexpensive everything was; my whole look came in under \$30, including shoes. In the end, I walked away surprised with the selection and the price but most of all, I found out that they clean the clothes before putting them on the racks."

Upon returning to the classroom the following week, the students donned their business attire and organized a fashion show. The "Best Interview Outfits" were voted on and the students also demonstrated inappropriate interview attire. The field trip was a success, the learning objective accomplished, and fun was had by all!



#### **Cosmetology Students Show Creativity in Styling Heads Contest**

Students in the first year Cosmetology Program at the JVS Adult Career Center participated in a Creative Head Styling Contest. They were given a styrofoam head and asked to create a stylish product.

The students not only designed their hair masterpieces, but also spent a great deal of time fashioning makeup and creating faces on the styrofoam forms.



Their creations were on display and were judged by students in the senior Cosmetology program and Adult Career Center staff.

First place winner was Brittany Davila (Lorain), 2nd place winner was Marie Gullickson (Sheffield Village), and 3rd place winner was Stephanie Duncan (Elyria). The winners received gift cards from Sally's Beauty Supply.

### Adult Cosmetology Students Participate in the Regional SkillsUSA Competition

Two students in the JVS Adult Career Center Cosmetology Program recently competed in a local SkillsUSA Competition held for post-secondary students. Both students placed 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division. They qualified to compete on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Regional SkillsUSA Competition held at the Lorain County JVS. SkillsUSA is a national organization that serves high school and college career-technical students enrolled in trade, industrial, technical and health-related programs



Michelle Clevenger came in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the hair category. She was judged on a haircut and style.

Jessica Nguyen came in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the nail division where she applied artificial nails and nail art on a live model.

They both will compete in the state competitions held in Columbus, Ohio on April 29 and 30.

“I look forward to being involved with these competitions,” stated Adult Career Center Instructor Marge Lucas. “Our first year students assisted at the regional competition so they can see what it’s all about and be prepared to compete next year. The students are excited to be a part of this event to showcase their skills.” This was the Adult Career Centers first entry in SkillsUSA.

### Adult Career Center Phlebotomists Receive Certification

Nine students in the Lorain County JVS Adult Career Center Phlebotomy Technician Program recently passed the National Healthcareer Association (NHA) Certification Test. This industry credential signifies each student’s accomplishment as a Certified Phlebotomy Technician.

The following students were honored in a special ceremony recognizing their efforts. They were presented with their career portfolios and certification certificates:

Dawn Wingler (Sheffield Lake), Dee Reichlin (Elyria), Annette Roman (Lorain), Rene Bevan (Amherst), Melinda Hodge (Wellington), Shawn Clark (Amherst), Shannon Black (Elyria), Natasha McDaniel (N. Ridgeville), Angela Tyus (Oberlin).



The students completed a 356-hour training program that included: anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, CPR and a 120-hour work-based learning externship at a local healthcare facility. Some of the participating facilities were: Mercy Regional Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic, EMH Regional Health Care Center, and Superior Medical.

### Economic Development

*Diana Gott, Program Developer, recently coordinated two very different types of training for the Adult Career Center – one locally and one out of state.*

**Locally** - Peggy Hastings, Customized Trainer, completed computer training for Oberlin College. During the three days of training, seventeen employees were shown the highlights of converting from Word 2003 to Word 2007.

**Bradford, PA** - When Dresser Pipeline Specialties in Bradford, PA updated their robotic plasma cutting cell to a new Motoman manufacturing cell they also recognized the need to update the operating and programming skills of their personnel. Craig Brookhart, Robotics Instructor, delivered the three day, customized class at Dresser factory in Bradford.

Two of the JVS Motoman robots were utilized in the classroom to ensure the operators received safety and basic coordinated movement and programming training. These skills were taken to the factory floor and practiced on the actual robot cell. A customized course delivered with the LCJVS robots and instructor has the advantage of containing the required robotic safety and operation basics while being applied to the customer’s equipment, programs and procedures.